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 AND SOME ALLIED FAMILIES.

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van SWERINGEN - SWEARINGEN.

Gerrett van Sweringen was born in 1636 at "Reemsterdwan", Holland, the younger son of a family belonging to the nobility. At the age of twenty he embarked for America on the Prince Maurice, which sailed out of the "Texell", December 25, 1656, carrying about one hundred and eighty souls, including a Governor and his Council, with sixty soldiers.

The post of Super Cargo over the ship and goods was given him.

The Prince Maurice was grounded and wrecked off Fire Island, near Long Island, when the ship, Beaver, was hired to carry them to their destination on the Delaware. They took possession of the Fort now called New Castle, April 25, 1657, when the soldiers of the West India Company quitted the same.

Young van Sweringen at once became active in the affairs of the colony. In 1659 he was a member of the Governor's Council and Commissary General for the City of Amsterdam at New Amstel. When the colony needed aid, he was deputed its emissary to

Holland. There he spent one year and returned successful, having obtained the further support of the city of Amsterdam for New Amstel. He resumed his activities until the surrender of the colony in 1664 to Col. Nichols under Sir Robert Carr. Then, breaking his sword across his knee, he foreswore allegiance to the Dutch authority.

Shortly after, with his family, he moved to Maryland, where he settled at the capitol city of St. Mary's.

His account of the seating of Delaware Bay and River, to the Southward of the 40th degree Northern latitude, by the Dutch and Swedes, contained his personal history here given. His oath to that document subscribed at St. Mary's City, May 12, 1684, stated he was forty-eight years of age. (Maryland Archives, Vol. V, pp. 411 to 417. Documents Relative To The Colonial History Of The State of New York, Vol. III, pp. 342 to 348.)

Mr. van Sweringen became a member of the Governor's Council at New Amstel, October 28, 1658. (Pa. Archives, Vol. IX, 2nd Series, page 609.) Succeeded to the office of Commissary General at New Amstel, October 28, 1658. In 1659, he was a

member of the Council, Commissary General for the City of Amsterdam at New Amstel and Schout or Sheriff. (Md. Archives, Vol. V, p. 414; Documents Relative To The Colonial History Of The State of New York, Vol. II, pp. 108, 113.)

Schout or Sheriff of New Amstel, 1660.

Assistant Secretary of New Amstel, August, 1660.

(Pa. Archives, Vol. IX, pp. 610, 611.)

He married in 1659, Barbara de Barrett. With her, their daughter Elizabeth and son, Zacharias, also one Isaac de Barrett, he was naturalized by an act of the Maryland Assembly in April, 1669. The Petition set forth that van Sweringen was born in "Reensterdwan", Holland, his wife, Barbara, in "Valenchene" in the low countries belonging to the King of Spain, Elizabeth and Zacharias at New Amstel, in Delaware Bay. (American Marriage Records Before 1699. Clemens, p. 220. Laws of Md., Bacon, MDCCLXV, p. 37, Chapter IV. Md. Archives, Vol. II, pp. 205, 206. Kilty's Laws, Session of 1669, Ch. 4, p. 313.)

His country place, "van Sweringen's Point", near St. Peters Key, St. Mary's Hundred, surveyed for him August 18, 1667, was patented May 10, 1671. It

contained fifty acres, at one shilling rent a year.
(Rent Rolls, St. Mary's Co., Md. 1639 - 1724, page 6.
Maryland Historical Society.)

At St. Mary's City, Mr. van Sweringen's lots were on Aldermanbery Street. There he built a commodious house. He owned in 1672, "The Smith's Town House", where he kept tavern. In his council rooms the Governor's Council met and at his coffee house officials and leaders of the colony discussed the affairs of the day. (Jamestown and St. Mary's Buried Cities of Romance, H. C. Forman, pp. 222, 223, 259, 302 N.)

Mrs. van Sweringen died in 1670. Six years later Gerrett married Mary Smith, of St. Mary's.

The charters granted to the inhabitants of St. Mary's City in 1667 and 1671 named him one of six Aldermen. (Md. Archives, Vol. LI, p. XIX.)

Commissioned Justice of a Special Court of Oyer and Terminer, March 14, 1677, by the High Court of Chancery, to determine cases relating to navigation and trade. (Provincial Court Judgments. Vol. W. C., 1679 - 84, pp. 155, 401.)

Mr. van Sweringen was again Alderman for St. Mary's City in 1684 and 1685. (Md. Archives, Vol. XVII, pp. 300, 418.)

Appointed High Sheriff for St. Mary's County on May 4, 1686, and again on May 12, 1687. (Md. Archives, Vol. V, pp. 469, 470, 545; Vol. VIII, p. 21; List of Civil Officers of Md., 1637 - 1759, Goldsborough, p. 276).

In the faith of the Roman Catholic Church he died during the year 1698. His Will was executed March 25, 1698, the first day of the new year.

"Gerrett van Sweringen, city of St. Mary's, in St. Mary's County, having considered ye many years I have lived in this world and therefore but little time to remain and for reason of the uncertainty when this tyme shall be expired, I doe hereby will and require that when it should be ye will of God to call me out of this mortall life my body shall be, if God doth permit, according to ye custom of ye Roman Catholique Church and ye Priest that shall bury me, I doe give him 1000 lbs. of tobacco and further I doe require of my executors hereafter named to take care that during ye ensuing year mass shall be done for my soul at all ye Lady Days, St. Joseph's Day, St. John

ye Evangelist, St. Mary Magdeline, in Holy Week, at All Saints Days and in ye Christmas Hollyday's, further that my just debts shall be paid and doe therefore appoint and nominate my wife and my son Joseph van Sweringen executors of my will and this my testament," etc.

"My now dwelling houses and lands thereunto belonging also ye Council Rooms and Coffee House and lands thereunto belonging" to two sons, Joseph and Charles van Sweringen. If both die without issue "then to my girls gotten by my now living wife." Wife to remain in possession of all estate while unmarried.

Mr. John Hall of St. Inigoes, Mr. Charles Carroll, Mr. Charles Egerton, Mr. Thomas Grosening named advisors for his son. The testator's children to choose for guardian their brother Joseph or any two of the gentlemen named.

Witnessed by, Nicholas Croutch, William Aisquith, Thomas Grunwyn, John Sinnodd. Will probated, February 4, 1698. (Annapolis, Md. Wills, Vol. 6, page 210. Md. Cal. of Wills, Baldwin, Vol. II, p. 167.)

Mrs. Mary van Sweringen made her will February 17, 1712/3, in which she described herself, widow, of St. Mary's County.

To her loving daughter, Dorothy, she willed four negroes, (not exceeding forty years of age), feather beds, rugs, blankets, sheets, one silver pint cup, six silver spoons, a table, table linen, to be delivered her at the day of her marriage.

To her loving daughter Teresa van Sweringen, four negroes, (not exceeding forty years), beds, rugs, blankets, sheets, one pint silver tankard, six silver spoons, chest of drawers, looking glass, table linen, at her marriage.

To her loving son, Joseph van Sweringen, two hundred acres, "The Point" near St. Mary's. He was to maintain her said daughters handsomely until they were married.

To loving son-in-law, Mr. Wm. Bladen, and her daughter, Bladen, a ring, thirty shillings price, to each.

To loving daughter, Eleanor Carroll, 2000 lbs. of tobacco.

Son Joseph, executor.

Witnessed by Wm. Aisquith, Ann Moloni, Hannah Bantom. Probated, September 5, 1713. (Annapolis Wills, Vol. 13, page 557. Md. Cal. Wills, Baldwin, Vol. III, p. 246.)

Issue of Gerrett and Barbara (de Barrett) van Sweringen:

- A. Elizabeth, born at New Amstel, naturalized in Maryland, April 1669. Inherited a house and lot in St. Mary's from her godfather, Mark Cordea, 1685. (Md. Cal. Wills, Baldwin, Vol. I, p. 159.)
- B. Zacharias, born at New Amstel in 1663, naturalized in the province of Maryland, April, 1669. (Md. Archives, Vol. II, pp. 205, 206.) Married Martha. She died Jan., 1712 (Will, Md. Cal. Wills, Baldwin, Vol. III, p. 159.)
- C. Thomas, born circa, 1665, probably at St. Mary's. Married Jane. Died in Prince George's County, Maryland, 1709/10. Of whom later.

Issue by Mary (Smith) van Sweringen:

- D. Joseph, born in 1677, married in 1718 Mary, born 1683, died 173 , daughter of James and Elizabeth (Calvert) Neale. Mrs. van Sweringen was the granddaughter of Col. Wm. Calvert and great granddaughter of Governor Leonard Calvert, son of George, first Lord Baltimore. (Neale Family, by C. Johnston, Md. Hist. Mag., Vol. VII, pp. 206, 207; The Calvert Family, by B. C. Nicklin, Md. Hist. Mag.,

Vol. XVI, pp. 189, 191.)

- E. Charles
- F. Eleanor, married Mr. Carroll.
- G. Teresa
- H. Dorothy
- I. Ann, married in 1696 the Hon. Wm. Bladen,
born at Steeton, 1673, buried at Annapolis,
August 9, 1718, son of Nathaniel Bladen,
Esq. of Hemsworth, Yorkshire and Isabella,
his wife, daughter of Sir Wm. Fairfax of
Steeton. Mr. Bladen was Secretary of Mary-
land 1701, Attorney General 1707 and Com-
missary General 1714.

Issue:

- 1. Anne, married August 31, 1711, Hon.
Benjamin Tasker of Annapolis. Presi-
dent of the Maryland Council for
thirty-two years, acting Governor of
Maryland 1752 - 53.

Issue:

- a. Rebecca, born 1724, died 1822.
Married Hon. Daniel Dulaney, Jr.
Distinguished Maryland Lawyer.
Commissary General of Maryland.
Secretary of Maryland. Member
of the Proprietary Council.

(Scharf's History Of Md. Vol. 1, p. 544.)

- b. Anne, born 1728, died 1762. Married circa 1762, Hon. Samuel Ogle, born 1705, died 1762. Governor of Maryland 1731 - 42; 1746 - 47. (Scharf's History of Md., Vol. I, p. 442.)

Issue:

- (1) Benjamin, born 1749, died 1806.

Governor of Maryland 1798 - 1801.

- c. Elizabeth, married Christopher Lowndes, Esq.

- d. Frances, married Robert Carter, Esq. of Nomini Hall, Va.

(Side Lights of Md. Hist., H. D. Richardson, Vol. 2, p. 17.)

2. Thomas Bladen, born 1698, died 1780. Married in 1731, Barbara, eldest daughter of Sir Theodore Janssen, Bart., whose sister was Mary, Lady Baltimore. Mr. Bladen was Governor of Maryland, 1742 - 47. He returned to England, 1747, became a member of Parliament for Old Sarum.

Issue:

- a. Harriot, married, 1767, William Anne Capell, fourth Earl of Essex. Left issue.

b. Barbara, married, August 3, 1773,
General St. John, brother of Vic-
ount Bolingbroke.

(Bladen Family, Baltimore Sun, May 29, 1904,
H. D. Richardson. Side Lights On Md. Hist.,
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ants, by a Member of The Family, Reprint, Second Edi-
tion, 1914, pp. 1 to 5.

SECOND GENERATION.

C. Thomas, the third child of Gerrett and Barbara van Sweringen, was born at St. Mary's circa, 1665. He married about the year 1686 Jane, surname not known, and established himself as a planter in that part of Charles County which in 1695 became Prince George's. He dropped the prefix to his name.

Not shirking military duty, he served as a soldier at the Garrison, Prince George's County, under Col. Beall. In November, 1699, his petition to the court to strike his name from the constable's assessment list, because soldiers were exempt the tax, was granted. (Court Records, Prince George's County, Md., Vol. B, old series 2, 1699 - 1705, p. 5.)

Mr. Sweringen, and his wife Jane, were sued for slander, January 1703, by one Thomas Wells. The plaintiff accused Mrs. Sweringen on August 21, 1703, at Charlestown in the presence and hearing of several good people, of calling him an old bull stealing dog, who stole Richard Bowing's bull. His good name was damaged and in mind and body he was much unquieted and debilitated, to the damage of one thousand pounds of tobacco.

Joshua Cecill, attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Sweringen, answered that the plaintiff on October 10, 1688, in Calvert County, feloniously killed and carried away a bull belonging to Richard Bowing. Mrs. Sweringen did say that Thomas Wells was an old bull stealing dog and stole Richard Bowing's bull. The court found Mr. and Mrs. Sweringen guilty of slander and required them to pay Wells four hundred pounds of tobacco and pay the costs of the suit. (Court Records, Prince George's County, Md., Vol. B, old series 2, 1699 - 1705, pp. 281, 295, 302.)

On January 10, 1704, Thomas Sweringen and his wife Jane sold sixty acres of "Bazingthrop Hall" in the freshets on the West side of the Patuxent River beginning near the head of Boars Brook in Prince George's County. Consideration, sixty pounds. (Deeds, Prince George's Co. Md. at Annapolis, Vol. C, p. 120 B.)

Then on January 24, 1704, he bought from Thomas Roper one hundred acres in the freshets of the Patuxent River, part of "Roper's Change", originally a part of "Darnalls Grove," now "Sweringen's Enlargement." Consideration, one hundred and eighty pounds. (Deeds, Prince George's Co. Md.,

at Annapolis, Vol. C, p. 117 B.)

To that he added two hundred acres by purchase from Clement Hill, March 28, 1705, situated in the freshets of the Patuxent, "Sweringen's Purchase", formerly "Hill's Choice". Price one hundred and thirty pounds. (Deeds, P. G. Co. Md. at Annapolis, Vol. C, p. 129 a.)

Thomas Sweringen, and others, of Prince George's County, were fined five hundred pounds of tobacco April 24, 1705, for non attendance as Jurors when summoned. (Judgments, T. L. - 3, p. 556, 1703-05, Annapolis, Md.)

Mr. Sweringen made his will July 29, 1708. After committing his soul to the Almighty Father, he bequeathed to his eldest son Thomas that plantation whereon the son lived with an hundred acres adjoining, then to his son's heirs forever. To Van, another son, the other hundred acres of land in the same tract. Son Samuel, after his mother's decease, the hundred acres of land whereon the testator lived with all appurtenances, except household goods and tobacco in the houses on the plantation. To his dear beloved wife, Jane, all movable estate, she to be sole executrix.

In case either of the testator's sons, Van and Samuel, died before attaining the age of twenty-one, the land of the deceased to go to his younger brother, John Sweringen. Son Thomas to pay son John ten pounds sterling. Sons Van and Samuel each to pay son John ten pounds, on attaining majorities.

Witnessed by Richard But, Ralph Wilson and Paul Bradford.

Probated March 19, 1710.

(Wills, Annapolis Md., Vol. 13, p. 265, also at Upper Marlboro, Pr. George's Co. Md. Wills, Vol. I, p. 34. Md. Calendar of Wills, Baldwin, Vol. III, p. 203.)

Inventory of the goods, etc., of Thomas Sweringen, Sen. of Prince George's Co. late deceased.

Appraised, April 13, 1711.

	Pounds	Shillings	Pence
6 leather chairs	0	12	0
1 oval table	0	8	0
1 old looking glass	0	4	0
1 dozen pewter plates	0	7	0
A sealed trunk	0	10	0
A large bible	0	10	0
A small bible		2	
A parcel of old books		14	
A silver seal		2	
Old saddle		8	
1 horse bell		4	
4,158 lbs. tobacco	17	6	6
A mare & colt	2	5	0
1 bull	1	5	0
Small steer	1	10	0
2 old cows	4	0	0
2 yearlings & calves	1	0	0
Cow & calf	2	5	0
Heifer & calf	2	0	0
3 yr. old heifer	1	15	0

A heifer, 2 yrs. old	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>0</u>
	65	10	6
Crop	14	11	8
With other items totaled	80	11	2

(Inventories and Accounts, Annapolis Md. Vol. 32, p. 94, also, Administration Accounts, Vol. J B - 1, p. 86, Upper Marlboro, Pr. Geo. Co. Md.)

On June 1, 1716, Jane Sweringen, widow, of Prince George's County, "now well stricken in years and not well able to goe through trouble and being willing to be at rest and ease in my old age and whereas my son Samuel Sweringen, of said county, hath promised and agreed to pay all such debts which I owe and also provide for me during the term of my natural life yearly and every year six hundred pounds of good tobacco", payment to begin in 1717, "shall give me", a feather bed and furniture, an iron pot and hooks, a pail, a great chest, plates, cow and calf, "and he will give my son John a cow".

On those conditions Mrs. Sweringen deeded her son all goods and chattels, hogs, horses, cattle, sheep, bills, bonds, one negro man and all other things on this side and beyond the seas. Mrs. Sweringen was to have one mare and her increase called Flury and one orphan boy, Samuel Browne, and sufficient accommodations during her natural life. (Deeds, Prince George's Co. Md., Upper Marlboro, Vol. E, p. 553.)

February 10, 1717/18, Jane Sweringen, widow, of Prince George's Co., conveyed to her son Samuel, for love and affection, the tract of land on which she lived. She reserved the right to the land for her convenient use, to plant corn and tobacco or anything else. (Deeds, P. G. Co., Upper Marlboro Md., Vol. F, p. 33.)

Mrs. Sweringen may have felt one more step necessary in securing rest and ease. She married at St. Barnabas Church February 18, 1717 Mr. Richard Jones. (Queen Anne Par. Records P. G. Co. Md., p. 253, Md. His. Soc.)

Issue of Thomas and Jane Sweringen:

1. Thomas, married Lydia, the daughter of Hugh Riley. Inherited "Hills Choice" from his father. Owned "Sweringen's Pasture" and "The Forrest Beginning" in Prince George's Co. Will probated May 12, 1726. (Wills, Annapolis Md., Vol. 18, p. 501.)

Issue:

- a. Thomas, born April 8, 1708, married Sarah. Removed to Orange Co., Va. (See Deeds, P. G. Co. Md. Thos. Sweringen, Orange Co., Va. sold "Hills

Choice" and "Forrest", 1744.

Sarah, his wife, relinquished her dower rights. Vol. BB - 1, p. 279.)

- b. Mary born August 11, 1710. Inherited "Sweringen's Pasture".
- c. Margaret, inherited part of "Hill's Choice".
- d. Laurana born 8ber 15, 1715. Inherited part of "Hill's Choice".
- e. Margaret born February 17, 1716.
- f. Van, born May 22, 1719. Removed to Frederick County, Virginia. Married Sarah Sweringen, his cousin. (Deeds P. G. Co. Md. BB - 1 p. 286, 1744 of Frederick Co. Va.)

Records of St. Barnabas Church P. G. Co. Md. pp. 290, 297, 303, respectively. Md. Hist. Soc.)

- 2. Van, born 1691, married about 1713/14 Elizabeth, daughter of Charles and Rebecca Walker. He died in 1787. Of whom later.
- 3. Samuel married, February 14, 1715, Elizabeth Farmer. (St. Barnabas Ch. Recs. Md. Hist. Soc., p. 252.) Patented "Sweringen's Expectation" on main fork of Patuxent which he

sold in 1727. (Deeds, Pr. Geo. Co. Md. Vol. M, p. 231.) He removed to North Carolina where he was living October 16, 1745, when he sold one hundred acres of land his father Thomas bought from Thomas Roper and willed to him. (Deed, Pr. Geo. Co. Md., Vol. BB No. 1, pp. 469, 470.)

4. John born 1694; married February 9, 1715, Mary, daughter of Wm. Ray of Prince George's Co. (Recs. St. Barnabas Ch. P. G. Co. Md. p. 252, Md. Hist. Soc.) Leased "Bradford's Rest" in P. G. Co. Oct. 30, 1738 from Samuel Hyde for his life, the lives of Mary, his wife, Thomas their son. Also 115 a. for lives of John, their son, Ann, daughter, Kezia, daughter. (Deeds, P. G. Co. Md. Vol. T, pp. 688, 689.) He was seventy-five years old in 1767 when he petitioned the Frederick Co. Court, March term. (Frederick Co. Judgments, 1768 - 1769, p. 5.)

Issue:

- a. Mary, born 8ber 29, 1720. Received a negress, Sarah, from her grandfather Wm. Ray, June 28, 1732. (Deeds P. G. Co. Md. Vol. Q, p. 493.)

- b. Elizabeth. Presented a negro child by grandfather Wm. Ray, 1732. (Deeds, Pr. Geo. Co. Md. Vol. Q, p. 493.)
- c. Lydia, born 7ber 7, 1726.
- d. Ann
- e. Kezia
- f. Thomas, born 9ber 23, 1728.
- g. John, born August 6, 1735. (St. Barnabas Church Records, P.G. Co. Md., pp 304, 309, 310, 320, respectively, Md. Historical Soc.)

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THIRD GENERATION.

2. Van Sweringen, (or Swearingen), second son of Thomas and Jane Sweringen, was born in the year 1691 in that part of Charles County which four years later was to become Prince George's.

From his father he inherited a plantation of one hundred acres situated in the freshets of the Patuxent River named "Sweringen's Purchase", originally part of "Hill's Choice." (Deeds, Prince George's Co., Vol. C, p. 129 a. Wills, same Co. Vol. I, p. 34.)

He married about the year 1713/14, Elizabeth, the daughter of Charles and Rebecca (Isaac) Walker of "Bacon Hall", Prince George's County. Miss Walker was born December 22, 1695. (Records of St. Barnabas Church, Pr. Geo. Co. Md. p. 283, Md. Hist. Soc. Col. Families of The U. S. of Amer. Ed. by G. N. Mackenzie, L. L. D. Vol. III p. 269.)

Mr. and Mrs. Sweringen lived on their plantation "Sweringen's Purchase" near the Patuxent until 1733 when they sold it to Wm. Holmes on September 3. (Deeds, Prince George's County, Md., at Upper Marlboro. Vol. Q, p. 693, 1730-33, old series 9. Vol. T, pp. 78, 79.)

In 1737 Van Swearingen leased four hundred and eighty acres on the manor of Conegocheague, near the mouth of the Conigocheige not far from the site of Hagerstown. The lease was for the term of his life, the lives of his wife and several of their children. There he settled with his family.

A report made on these lands in 1767 gave the following data:

Plat 4, leased Oct. 17, 1737 one hundred and three acres to Van Swearingen, Sr. during the lives of his sons, Joseph, John and Van, ages respectively 42, 36 and 34.

Plat 39, leased September 29, 1737 two hundred seventy-eight acres to Van Swearingen for the lives of lessee and his sons Samuel and Charles, ages respectively 76, 37, 32.

Plat 44, leased Oct. 17, 1737 to Van Swearingen, ninety-nine acres for life of lessee's wife, Elizabeth, 70 years of age. (Md. Records, Brumbaugh, Vol. II, pp. 43, 44, 45, 46. Scharf Collection Md. Hist. Soc. "Statement of Maryland Manors of Frederick, Lord Baltimore, 1766 - 1768." Page 45.)

Appointed Constable for part of "Monocousy"

Hundred by the March Court, 1739, to succeed George Moore, Sen. (Court Records, Prince George's Co. Md. Vol. 12, p. 281.)

November, 1742, he was fined by the court for not attending as grand juror. This was remitted, however. (Ct. Recs. P. G. Co. Vol. AA, 14, p. 206.)

In 1746, with Jonathan Hagar, founder of Hagerstown, he was an overseer of highways. (Prince George's Co. Ct. Recs., Vol. DD, 16 p. 402.)

Van Sweringen, Sr. purchased fifty acres of "Perry Hill" in Prince George's County April 1, 1747, for twenty-five pounds. (Deeds, P. G. Co. Md. Vol. EE, p. 179. Vol. BB, p. 182.)

When the Swearingens moved to Conegocheague Manor in or before 1737, the territory was still in Prince George's County. Not until 1748 was the new county of Frederick established which included their property.

In the summer of 1756, serious Indian troubles took Governor Sharpe to the frontier. Troops were raised and maintained for its protection. Van Sweringen, Sr. held the important position of Press Master in his county. A complaint was made, however, by cer-

tain of the inhabitants concerning the conduct of the troops. The depositions of those citizens were presented the Governor who made comment on them in his address to the Assembly Dec. 9, 1757. Van, Sr., Charles and Samuel Swearingen deposed. (Md. Archives, Vol. LV, p. 333. A search through the Sharpe papers at the Maryland Archives failed to uncover the depositions mentioned. G. V. M. II.)

December 2, 1757.

"On Friday morning the 25th I sent Sergeant Barnes, who happens to be in town up to Van Swearingen Senr. the other Press Master who lives near the mouth of Conigocheigh but I heard nothing from him till late on Sunday night when he sent his son Van along with a party of twenty-eight men under Lieut. Stoddert which Capt. Joshua Beall had sent from the fort to escort the wagons." (Provision wagons for Fort Cumberland.) Alex. Beall to Horatio Sharpe, Esq. Md. Archives, Vol. LV, p. 316.)

The Frederick County Court Records contain the appointments of Van Swearingen and John Holmes, Press Masters for the ensuing year. November Term, 1761. (Judgments, Frederick Co. Md. at Annapolis, Md. 1761 - 62, p. 314.)

At the March Court for Frederick County, 1760, Van and John Swearingen received a license to keep an ordinary or public house. (Frederick Co. Judgments, Annapolis Md., Vol. 1758 - 60, p. 653.)

In 1762, January 25, Mr. Swearingen bought a plantation containing four hundred acres in Frederick County named "I Never See It." The name presented the fact for Van Swearingen, Sr. sold "I Never See It", April 7, 1763 to Daniel Cresap. Consideration in both deeds, 290 pounds. (Deeds, Frederick Co. Md. Vols. G, p. 376 and H, p. 392 respectively.)

Before the family moved to Conegocagague they were communicants of now historic St. Barnabas Church, Queen Anne Parish, where five of their children were baptised.

Their new parish of All Saints included a church at Frederick Town and two chapels, one below Monocacy and one other.

In 1760, the inhabitants of the parish petitioned Governor Sharp and Council that an act be passed to enable the justices of Frederick to levy a tax for rebuilding their chapels then beyond repair. Among the subscribers to the petition were Van Swearingen,

Van Swearingen, Jr., Charles Swearingen and John Stull. (Maryland Archives Vol. LV1, pp. 502, 503).

Van Swearingen, Sr., leased, for seven years to his son Charles, on Oct. 10, 1769, part of his land containing 278 acres on the manor of Conegocagague, called "Swearingen's Lower Place." He excepted a house, occupied by Thomas van Swearingen, with all cleared land on the west side of the lane through the said land, the old meadow, the use of fifty apple trees along the said lane, with the liberty to clear and cultivate what land he pleased on the west side of the excepted tenement. Rent forty pounds yearly. (Deeds, Frederick County, Volume N, p. 36).

May 16, 1771, Van Swearingen of Frederick County, farmer, sold to Charles Swearingen of the same place, son of the said Van, for the love and affection which he bore his said son Charles and the sum of one hundred pounds, one hundred acres, part of a leased tract containing 278 acres, "Swearingen's Lower Place" out of Conegocagague Manor at the northeast end by a line of the said Charles Swearingen's leased place of the said Manor, "Charles' Choice". (Deeds, Frederick Co., Md. Vol. O, p. 356.)

When in 1776 the County of Washington was established the Swearingen holdings were in the new county.

At the age of ninety-six Mr. Swearingen died after making his last Will June 7, 1784. By that instrument he devised his estate, real and personal, equally to his sons, John Swearingen, Charles Swearingen and Thomas van Swearingen, their heirs and assigns forever. His dwelling plantation on the manor of "Conocheage", the lease of which with his other estate he directed sold at public auction and the proceeds equally divided. He named his sons, John and Charles Swearingen, executors. Instructed that his negro slave, Moll, be freed at his death. Witnessed by James Brand, Richard Carter and Samuel Swearingen, Jr.

Proved August 27, 1787. (Wills, Washington County Md., Vol. A, p. 152.)

Issue of Van and Elizabeth (Walker) Swearingen:

- a. Elizabeth, born July 4, 1715; married June 20, 1734, Jonathan Simmons. (St. Barnabas Church Records, Md. Hist. Soc., pp. 301, 206.)
- b. Rebecca, born October 22, 1716. (St. Barnabas Church Records, Md. Hist. Soc. p. 301.)

Joseph
Married Mr. Tomlinson.

- c. Mary, born 9ber, 17, 1718. (St. Barnabas Church Records, Md. Hist. Soc. p. 302.) Married Mr. Phipps.
- d. Joseph, born March 9, 1720-1. (St. Barnabas Church Records, Md. Hist. Soc. p. 305.)
- e. Sarah, born November 20, 1722, married her first cousin Van Swearingen and settled in Virginia. Died Nov. 4, 1766.
- f. Ruth.
- g. Drusilla. Married in 1753 Thomas, son of Col. Thomas Cresap.

Issue:

- (1.) Charity, born 1754. (Cresap Family, Lantz, Baltimore Sun, Dec. 6, 1906.)
- h. Samuel, born 7ber, 6, 1728. (St. Barnabas Church Records, p. 12, Md. Hist. Soc.)
Married May 28, 1752, Ann Wickham, widow.
(Records of All Saints Parish, p. 12, Md. Hist. Soc.)
Left issue.
- i. John, born circa 1730, married Catherine Stull.
- j. Van, Jr., born c. 1732, married Margaret Stull. Owned "Resurvey Of Watson's Welfare", in Frederick County. Died in

Frederick County March-April 1784.

(Will, Frederick County, Vol. GM. 2,
p. 66).

Issue:

- (1.) Joseph
- (2.) Thomas van Swearingen
- (3.) John van Swearingen
- (4.) Margaret
- (5.) Isaac Stull
- (6.) Mary
- (7.) Drusilla
- (8.) Eleanor
- (9.) Elizabeth.

k. Charles, born c. 1734, married in 1759,
Susanna, daughter of John and Martha
Stull. Col. Swearingen died in 1818.
Of whom later.

l. Thomas van Swearingen.

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FOURTH GENERATION

g. Charles, younger son of Van and Elizabeth (Walker) Swearingen, was born in Upper Prince George's County in 1735. He grew to manhood in that fertile frontier section near the mouth of the "Conigocheigh" during troubled times. Along with his brother Van, he was no doubt sent with that party of twenty-eight men under Lieutenant Stodert to escort the provision wagons for Fort Cumberland by his father, the county Press Master, November, December, 1757. (Md. Archives, Vol. LV, p. 316). However, he received pay for six days' services, 1757-58, under Capt. Joseph Chapline in the French and Indian Wars. (Md. Hist. Mag. Vol. IX, p. 278).

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His deposition, with others, was submitted to Gov. Sharp by the Lower House concerning the conduct of the Frontier troops. Sharp's address mentioning those depositions was dated December 9, 1757. (Md. Archives, Vol. LV, p. 333.) In 1760, he with his father and brother petitioned that a tax be imposed to rebuild the chapels in their parish of All Saints. (Md. Archives, Vol. LVI, p. 503.)

He leased ninety-two acres on the manor of "Conegochague", plat #40, on August 26, 1763 for a period of twenty-one years which he named "Charles' Choice". It adjoined his father. (Scharf Collection, Statement of the Maryland Manors of Frederick, Lord Baltimore, 1766-1768. Md. Hist. Soc. p. 4.)

In 1759 he married Miss Susanna Stull, daughter of John Stull, Esq., whose farm "Whiskey" on Antietam Creek adjoined Elizabeth Town. He bought a negro lad, Pollydore, July 26, 1768, from one Thomas Smith and John Cox, Jr., price sixty-seven pounds, ten shillings. (Deeds, Frederick County Md., Vol. M, pp. 385, 386.)

From his father he leased on October 10, 1769, for seven years at forty pounds per annum, "Swearingen's Lower Place" on the manor of Conococheague, two hundred, seventy-eight acres in the whole. His father excepted part of the lands for his own use, with fifty apple trees. (Deeds, Frederick Co. Vol. M, p. 36.) On May 16, 1771, for one hundred pounds, he bought from his father one hundred acres of that same tract adjoining "Charles' Choice". (Deeds, Frederick Co., Vol. O, p. 356.)

At the outbreak of the American Revolution, feeling ran high in the patriotic county of Frederick. The famous Sons of Liberty some years before, on November 22, 1765, had an elaborate funeral for the Stamp Act. They met at the house of Mr. Samuel Swearingen who afterward entertained with an elegant supper and ball, at which the ladies made a brilliant appearance. (Hist. Frederick Co. Md., Williams and McKinsey, pp. 76-77. Md. Hist. Mag. Vol. XXVII, pp. 93, 94.)

On July 2, 1774, eight hundred people assembled at Elizabeth Town. After organizing they chose John Stull, Esq., Mrs. Charles Swearingen's brother, Moderator and named an executive committee comprising Charles Swearingen and others. An effigy of Lord North was hung and burned. Subscriptions opened for the relief of the poor of Boston.

Nov. 18, 1774 at a meeting held at Frederick Court House, a large committee was named to carry into execution the association agreed on by the American Continental Congress. On the committee were Charles Swearingen, John Stull, with others, any five of whom had power to act. It was resolved that John Stull,

Charles Swearingen, and others comprise a Committee of Correspondence for the county, any five had power to act. Also that John Stull, Charles Swearingen, with others, be a Committee of Observation with full power to prevent any infraction of the said institution and to carry out the resolves of the American Congress. (Hist. of Frederick Co. Md. by Williams and McKinsey, pp. 82, 83, 84, footnote page 84, Hist. of Washington County Md., Vol. I, p. 74.)

Charles Swearingen was a member of the Committee of Safety in 1775.

He was elected a member of the Committee of Observation Sept. 12, 1775 at Elizabeth Town. The Committee met for the first time Sept. 14, 1775 when Swearingen was appointed to serve on a committee for licensing suits.

The Committee of Observation met on Nov. 11, 1775 and agreed that Capt. Stull and others be of the First Battalion, Capt. Swearingen and others be of the Second Battalion. The Committee was called Jan. 10, 1776, Capt. Swearingen present. Again on Feb. 19, 1776, Major Charles Swearingen present. He was listed April

12, 1776, among those who contributed blankets and money for the Bostonians. (Md. Hist. Mag. Vol. XII, pp. 142, 146, 147, 151, 152; Hist. Wash. Co. Md. Vol. I, pp. 80, 81, 82. The Pa. German in the Settlement of Maryland by D. W. Nead, pp. 185, 188, 189, 192, 263.)

Commissioned Second Major of the First Battalion for Frederick County, Upper District, Jan. 6, 1776. (Proceedings of the Conventions of the Province of Md. 1776, held at the City of Annapolis 1774, 1775, and 1776, p. 79.)

The Committee of Observation for Elizabeth Town District met June 28, 1776; again on July 2, 1776. Members present, Major Charles Swearingen and others. (Md. Hist. Mag. Vol. XII, pp. 324, 325.) At a meeting Jan. 20, 1777, a resolution was passed exempting Samuel, son of Major Charles Swearingen, from Marching with the militia as he was not yet sixteen. (Md. Hist. Mag. Vol. XIII, p. 44.)

Commissioned First Major of the Thirty-Sixth Battalion April 20, 1776. (Md. Archives, Vol. XI, p. 356.)

He took the oath of fidelity and support February 28, 1778. (Rev. Records of Md., Brumbaugh and Hodges, p. 18.)

Lieutenant Colonel of the Second Battalion of Militia in Washington County. Commission dated June 28, 1778. (Md. Archives, Vol. XXI, p. 145.)

Commissioned Colonel Nov. 21, 1780, of the Second Battalion of Militia in Washington County. (Md. Archives, Vol. XLV, page 220.)

Page 443. May 23, 1781, "That the said Treasurer" (Western Shore) "paid to Col. Charles Swearingen one hundred and eighty-four pounds, sixteen shillings in lieu of forty-six pounds, four shillings specie for the use of his detachment of militia on account".

Page 576. Ordered that Western Shore Treasurer pay to Col. Charles Swearingen ninety-two pounds, eight shillings August 23, 1781. (Md. Archives, Vol. XLV, pp. 443, 576.)

March 29, 1782, Col. Charles Swearingen was paid ninety-seven pounds, two shillings, three pence due him on a certificate settled and passed. (Md. Archives, Vol. XLVIII, p. 115.)

Heitman in his Hist. Register of Officers of the Continental Army, 1775, 1783, listed Charles van Swearingen, a Major of Maryland Militia, 1779, 1781.

Died 1818, Page 557.

Charles van Swearingen, Charles Swearingen, 1735, 1818. First Major thirty-sixth Battalion of Maryland Troops, Revolutionary War, born and died in Maryland. (D. A. R. Lineage Books, Vol. 80, pp. 246, 247; Vol. 144, p. 19.)

Col. Swearingen, Sept. 11, 1804 in Washington County Maryland executed a deed of trust to John Swearingen, Berkeley County Virginia, transferring the following slaves, one negro Sal, 21 years old, her two children Minty, about 3, Simon, a boy about ten months, and their issue if any for the use of Charles Swearingen's daughter Elizabeth Lowe, wife of Robert Lowe, of Washington County, Md., her heirs forever. Not subject to her husband's control. (Deeds, Washington Co. Md., Vol. P, p. 845.)

On June 1, 1805, Col. Swearingen stated that he had transferred to each of his daughters, Drusilla, Elizabeth and Susanna, a negro girl. The girl so given to Elizabeth was transferred by deed September 11, 1804. That the negroes so given should not be considered in way of settlement and in case of his death not to be taken into their distributive shares of his estate. (Deeds, Washington Co. Md. Vol. R, p. 258; Vol.

S, p. 880.)

On August 31, 1807 he sold a negro girl, Abigail, about twelve years old, to Michael Sneider for two hundred dollars. (Deeds, Washington Co. Md., Vol. S, p. 936.)

Col. Swearingen died at the age of eighty-three in Washington County, Maryland. He began his will "being of great age and knowing the mortality of this life, do on the 26th day of November, 1812, constitute and ordain this my last will and testament."

To his well beloved wife, Susanna, the whole of his household furniture or as much as she may choose, one horse, her choice, a saddle and bridle, the sum of three thousand, three hundred and sixty-six dollars from his lands and mills sold in the state of Virginia and a negro woman which she is to choose from his negroes. To each son seven hundred dollars. To each daughter four hundred, thirty-three dollars, thirty-three cents. Samuel had received his share. Daughter Drusilla Booth a negro woman with her increase for her share. Daughter Martha Lackland had received part of her portion, the rest to be paid her. Daughter Elizabeth Lowe received her share in negroes. Son,

Eli, \$700. Son, Abijah, \$700. Son, Isaac, \$700.

Son John had received \$500, \$200 due him. Daughter Susanna Cresap, a negro woman with her increase for her share. Daughter Catherine Clair received her share in negroes. Son Daniel, \$200, had received \$500.

Personal estate to be sold within six months at public sale. Lands in Pennsylvania to be sold within two years after testator's decease. Monies arising equally divided between all his children. He named his beloved wife, Susanna, executrix and his son John executor.

Witnessed by Andrew Hogmier, Conrad Hogmier and Jonas Hogmier.

Probated Sept. 10, 1818. (Wills, Washington Co. Md. Hagerstown, Vol. B, p. 232.)

The inventory of his personal estate appraised by John Ashbery and Daniel Rentch, Nov. 2, 1818, listed twenty-one slaves:

Tom, aged about 43, \$350.00.

Peter, " " 43, \$250.00.

Romulus, " " 23, \$500.00.

Rezin, " " 18, \$500.00.

Isaac, " " 13, \$350.00.

James Madison Crue, 8, \$200.00.

Females:

Lucy, aged about 50, and her daughter	
Demariaus, 3,	\$275.00
Old Linn, aged about 50, her daughter	
Harriett, 4,	\$275.00
Young Linn, aged 25, her son Freder-	
ick 5, and her child Benjamin, 2	\$550.00
Liz, 20, her two children John, 2,	
Susan, 2 months,	\$500.00
Harriett, 16,	\$375.00
Mary, 14,	\$350.00
Maria, 12,	\$250.00
Prudy, not very healthy, 7 years,	\$100.00
Jean, chosen by Mrs. Swearingen, 16,	\$400.00

Mrs. Swearingen chose a 24 hour clock, five beds with furnishings, sheets, blankets, three desks, corner cupboard with sundaries, chest, trunk, looking glasses, etc., 14 silver spoons, brass candle sticks, 2 dining tables, 2 small dining tables, 19 chairs, set of Queen's Ware, knives, forks, carpet, one bay mare, Colly, and saddle, etc.

A large amount of farm stock with 77 shares of "Conocecheage" Bank Stock at \$17.50 a share -- total \$1347.50, were included. The inventory amounted to

\$13,625.25. (Inventories, Washington County Maryland, Vol. E, p. 498.)

Mrs. Swearingen died July, 1820. Her Will executed July 29, 1820, stated she was far advanced in years and rather sick in body but of sound mind. To her children, Eli, Abijah, Isaac, Martha Lackland, Susanna Cresap and Catherine Clair, \$100.00 each, daughter Elizabeth Lowe and son Daniel, \$300.00. Loreнна and Drusilla, daughters of her son Samuel, and Van, his youngest son, each received \$100.00 to be expended for their education under the direction of her son John van Swearingen. A negro woman Jean and a feather bed to Martha, daughter of her son John. A negro girl Prudy to Elizabeth Susan, another daughter of John. Mrs. Swearingen named her son John executor and left him the residue of her estate. Witnessed by Susanna Hogmire, Thomas Kennedy, Jacob Heller.

Proved, July, 1820.

(Wills, Washington Co. Md., Hagerstown, Vol. C, p. 115.)

Issue of Colonel Charles and Susanna (Stull) Swearingen:

1. Samuel, born April 16, 1760; married Sarah Bennett. Died 1846.

Issue:

- (a) Loreenna
- (b) Drusilla
- (c) Van

2. Drusilla, married Mr. Booth.
3. Martha, married Mr. Lackland.
4. Elizabeth, married Robert Lowe.
5. Eli.
6. Abijah, born April, 1769; married Susan Small. Died at Louisville, Kentucky in 1824. Of whom later.
7. Isaac.
8. John van Swearingen, born in 1778; married, 1803, Elizabeth Bond. He died in 1849. Mrs. Swearingen died in 1807.

Issue:

- (a) Martha Bond, born 1805; married in 1824, George Shafer, born 1798, died 1877. Mrs. Shafer died in 1887.
9. Susanna, married Robert Cresap.
 10. Catherine, married June 15, 1799, James Clair. (Washington Co. Marriage Licenses Clerk's Office 1799-1860, p. 1.)
 11. Daniel, married Elizabeth Cresap.

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Maryland, J. D. Warfield, A. M. 1905, p. 320.

Family Register of Gerret van Sweringen and Descend-
ants, Compiled by A Member of The Family, Reprint
Second Edition, 1914, pp. 17, 18, 24, 25.

FIFTH GENERATION.

6. Abijah, the son of Charles and Susanna (Stull) Swearingen, was born in Frederick County, Maryland in April, 1769. His maternal uncle, Isaac Stull, stood sponsor for him at baptism. (Judgments, Vol. 92, Annapolis, Md., pages 362 and 359 respectively.)

By his uncle's will, Nov. 18, 1769, he was left a legacy of 150 pounds and an additional 100 pounds on condition, which also became due him. Isaac Stull died the latter part of November or early December, 1769. His brother, John Stull, heir at law, failed to probate the will. A long and bitter feud between him and the Swearingen family ensued. After attaining his majority, Abijah had the will proved February 8, 1791, and brought suit for his inheritance against Col. John Stull. The High Court of Appeals April 25, 1795 granted him two hundred and fifty pounds with interest at six per cent from May 1, 1771 until paid. The respondent to pay all costs. (Judgments, Vol. 92, B. W. 4, 1796 - 1797, pp. 322 to 383, Annapolis, Md. The case contained interesting side lights on the families concerned. A further account will follow.)

About 1795, he went to Virginia, where his father owned land. April 21, 1798, Abijah Swearingen, a citizen of the Commonwealth of Virginia, removed from thence into the state of Maryland upon the 20th of March, in the present year, with a bona fide intention of settling therein and brought with him fifteen negro slaves, to wit:

Fan, Dol, Gin, Kassy, Moses, Dick, Rose, Jacob, Tilly, Anna, Jacob, Bill, Abram, Frank and Esau, all his property. He appeared before the collector of taxes for the county where he proved by oath that the aforesaid slaves had resided in the United States for three years before their importation into Maryland. (Deeds, Washington Co., Md. Vol. K, p. 898.)

Abijah married about 1800, Miss Susan Small. (Family Register of Gerret van Sweringen, etc., by A Member Of The Family, Reprint of 2nd Edition, 1914, page 25.) He next moved to Kentucky, near Louisville, where he witnessed a deed April 23, 1802. (The Filson Club History Quarterly, Louisville, Ky. Vol. VIII, p. 51.)

Mr. Swearingen died intestate in Jefferson County, Kentucky, in 1824. Thomas Waller and George

Seaton qualified as administrators. (Administrations, County Court House, Louisville, Kentucky.)

Issue of Abijah and Susan (Small) Swearingen:

(a) Richard Small, born at Louisville, Kentucky, March 17, 1809. Married at Natchez, Louisiana, February 8, 1835, Isabella Virginia Cowan, of Richmond, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Swearingen later lived in St. Louis. He died at New Orleans, La., November 15, 1847, while there on business. Of whom later.

(b) Charles Stull. Lived at San Felipe, Texas.

(c) Algernon Sidney. Lived at St. Louis.

(d) Edward. Lived at St. Louis.

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Family Register of Gerret van Sweringen and Descendants, Compiled by A Member of The Family. Reprint, second edition, 1914. Pages 18, 25, 26.

Colonial Dame Papers of Mrs. George E. Whitney, nee Mary L. Swearingen, daughter of Richard Small (a.) and Isabella Virginia (Cowan) Swearingen. No. 311, date Oct. 8, 1895, at Peabody Library, Baltimore, Maryland. Contain birth, marriage and death dates of her parents and grandparents on her oath.

Original sources,

Judgments, Vol. 92, Annapolis, Md. pp. 359, 362.

Birth date and parentage of Abijah Swearingen.

Wills, Washington Co. Md., Vol. B, p. 232. Abijah

Swearingen received a legacy from his father,

Charles, dated 1812, probated 1818.

Wills, Washington Co. Md., Vol. C, p. 115.

Abijah received a legacy from his mother Susanna,

Dated and probated 1820.

ABIJAH SWEARINGEN
VS.
EXECUTORS OF COL. JOHN STULL.

On October 27, 1791, Abijah Swearingen, of Washington County, Maryland, brought suit in the Maryland High Court of Chancery, against Otho H. and Elie Williams, executors of Col. John Stull (his maternal uncle.)

He stated that his maternal uncle, Isaac Stull, of Frederick County, owned one-half of a tract of land called "Resurvey On Whiskey". On June 1, 1769, Isaac contracted for its sale with his brother John Stull, who gave bond for the payment. Soon after, Isaac died, not having executed a conveyance, but made his will in which he left his nephew Abijah Swearingen one hundred fifty pounds to be paid to testator's brother-in-law, Charles Swearingen, for his son Abijah when he attained the age of twenty-one. That sum had never been paid the orator's father, nor the orator.

Isaac Stull left two hundred pounds to his brother, Jacob, if he returned within ten years. If not, the two hundred pounds equally divided between testator's nephews John Stull and Abijah Swearingen, to be put to interest for their use until they were

twenty-one. Jacob Stull did not return, and John Stull died a minor under twenty-one. That the orator came to the age of twenty-one about twelve months since and no part of the legacy had been paid him.

Charles Swearingen, the orator's father, trustee of the first legacy, being an easy man averse to law and unwilling to contend with John Stull, whose sister he had married, and who was a powerful man of great influence in the county, neglected to demand the legacies, but left the orator when he came to age to prosecute his just rights who accordingly had the will proved, etc. He further charged that John Stull, Isaac's brother and heir at law, took possession of all Isaac's real and personal estate. That John Stull died, seized of these lands, and by his will appointed Otho Williams of Baltimore and Elie Williams of Washington County executors.

The records contain many interesting depositions with the following side lights:

Isaac Stull died with smallpox in the house of his brother, John, after an illness of eight or ten days. The house was built on "Resurvey On Whiskey" by Daniel Stull, an older brother of Col. Stull from whom Isaac inherited his part. The will was executed about eleven at night

in the presence of the testator's mother and several others, and known to all the family who were well. Talked of by the house servants the next morning. Mrs. Stull, John's wife, was in the same house with smallpox, of which she died. Her husband was at Annapolis on business. The door of the room in which Isaac lay was always open and anyone was at liberty to go and come.

Witnesses testified that Charles Swearingen was attentive to his affairs and a man of standing and influence in the county, that Isaac Stull was not under his influence, but Isaac thought a good deal of his sister, Mrs. Swearingen.

John Stull, an influential man, was very good to poor people, was reckoned hard to bargain with. He was somewhat overbearing and fond of having his way. His neighbors stood in awe of him. He was loved and feared.

Deposition of Margaret White, age 56, taken January 7, 1793, widow of Peter White and a sister of the late John Stull. Mrs. White testified that there was a long and wrathful contest between Charles Swearingen and John Stull concerning Isaac Stull's will. That an agreement was once made between Col.

Stull and his sister to set the will aside and divide the estate among them.

Jacob Stull went away about 1760 and had never been heard of since. The supposition was that Indians killed him.

At one time Jonathan Hagar and William Beard were named arbitors to settle the business between Col. John Stull and Mrs. Swearingen. They met at John Stull's house with Mrs. Swearingen. Certain other arbitors were sick and could not come so all agreed to spend the night. About midnight John Stull was so abusive to his sister, Mrs. Swearingen, that she ordered her horse, although it was extremely cold. Col. Stull said he would still settle it, but they never afterwards met.

Isaac Stull was just past twenty-one when he died. He told Thomas Brooke that he stood Godfather for his brother John Stull's son and for Charles Swearingen's son, that he had no children of his own and might as well give his estate to them, which Mr. Brooke thought just and fair.

Page 363. Charles Swearingen, age 57, deposed Jan. 9, 1793. He had known Isaac Stull since infancy.

He married his sister. Isaac owned "Resurvey On Whiskey". Col. John Stull took possession of the whole tract after Isaac died. Isaac Stull's mother died some time after her son. Doctor Peter Woltz attended Isaac during his last illness with Dr. Shnebly. Isaac lived about ten days after his will was made. Abijah Swearingen, Charles' son, was born in April, 1769. Col. John Stull died in April, 1791.

Page 365. Mrs. Susanna Swearingen deposed Jan. 9, 1793. Mother of complainant. Isaac Stull her youngest brother. Her brother, Jacob, went away some time before Isaac's death. Never heard from, reported killed by Indians. Her son Abijah was born a few months before Isaac died.

The Chancellor found no example for giving interest before filing of bill in the case of a suit brought against a real trustee, appointed by deed or will, unless trustee has actually received interest, etc. Thinks general rule of charging interest from the filing of bill ought to prevail. Therefore, on the 26th of February, 1794, the Chancellor ordered Otho H. Williams and Elie Williams, executors of John Stull, shall account with the complainant, Abijah Swearingen, for 100 pounds current money and 150 pounds

current money, likewise for interest on those sums from October 27, 1791. May 27, 1794, due Abijah Swearingen 288 pounds, 15 shillings. The inventory of Col. John Stull's personal estate amounted to 1718 pounds, 7 shillings, 4 pence. Ten slaves included.

Philip Barton Key, attorney for Abijah Swearingen, prayed an appeal from the decree rendered January 5, 1795, to the High Court of Appeals.

The court allowed appellant interest on the sum of 250 pounds from the 1st day of May 1771 until 27th of Oct. 1791, also further sum of interest from 27th of May, 1794 until paid. The court ordered respondent to pay appellant's costs in prosecuting the appeal 7,486 pounds of tobacco and further costs with Chancery Court. June term 1797. (Judgments, Vol. 92, pp. 322 to 383, Annapolis, Maryland)

SIXTH GENERATION.

(a) Richard Small, the son of Abijah and Susan (Small) Swearingen, was born in Louisville, Kentucky, March 17, 1809. He married at Nathitechez, Louisiana, February 8, 1835, Miss Isabella Virginia, born in Richmond, Virginia, October 6, 1809, the daughter of William Cowan, Esq. Mr. Swearingen had just returned from Holland and England. They made their home in Louisville and later moved to St. Louis.

He was a member of Christ Church, Louisville, where his name appeared on an early list.

He died at the St. Charles Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 15, 1847, at two o'clock in the morning after a short illness. He went to that city on business from his home in St. Louis, Missouri. (New Orleans Commercial Bulletin, Nov. 16, 1847. "Louisville papers please copy".)

Mrs. Swearingen lived in Louisville, Kentucky, where her daughters were educated, then resided at San Francisco, California. She died in 1880 at Washington, D. C. while on a visit with her daughter.

Issue of Richard Small and Isabella (Cowan) Swearingen:

- (1.) Sue Virginia, born in Kentucky. Married Stephen Johnson Field, Chief Justice of California; Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Resided at Washington, D. C.
- (2.) Sarah Henderson, married in Washington, D. C., Col. John Condit Smith, of N. Y., Quartermaster of U. S. Army on General Sherman's Staff. He died in N. Y., 1884. Mrs. Smith lived in Washington.
- (3.) Mary Lewis, born Jan. 16, 1841 at Louisville, Kentucky. There she spent her girlhood. With her mother and sisters she moved to San Francisco, California, where she married, June 1, 1865, George Edwin Whitney, Esq. Mrs. Whitney died at Oakland, California, Oct. 13, 1927.
- (4.) Isabel de Milt, married Andrew Buchannan McCreery. Resided at Paris, France.

Issue:

- (a) Richard Stephen
- (b) Andrew Laurence
- (c) Walter Adolphe.

(5.) Wm. Cowan, died in infancy.

(6.) Richard Ringgold, died in infancy.

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SEVENTH GENERATION.

(3.) Mary Lewis, the daughter of Richard Small and Virginia (Cowan) Swearingen, was born at Louisville, Kentucky, January 16, 1841. Her family lived in St. Louis, Missouri, until her father's death in 1847. She was educated in Louisville, then moved to San Francisco, California, with her mother and sisters.

Miss Swearingen married at San Francisco, June 1, 1865, George Edwin Whitney, Esq.

Mr. Whitney was born at Phillips, Maine, September 19, 1836. The son of George W. and Violette (Haines) Whitney. His father was one of the founders of the Republican Party. George E. was educated at the Farmington Academy and at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. From the latter he graduated in the class of 1857.

After graduating he became Assistant Librarian of the Free Library of Boston for one year. Then for a year was reporter for the Boston Courier. He read law in the office of the Hon. Robert Goodenow at Farmington.

May 21, 1861, he took passage on the North Star for the Isthmus of Panama, thence on the steamer

Sonora to San Francisco, where he arrived June 13.

For one year he practiced law in the office of Tompkins and Compton, San Francisco, then independently. In 1862 he annotated "Bancroft's Practice Act", the first work upon the code of civil procedure published in California.

Mr. Whitney became clerk for the U. S. Court, District of California, in 1867. He retired in 1870 and spent six months traveling through the U. S., Canada and Europe. Next he practiced law in Salt Lake City, Utah, with Charles Bennett, Esq. and later with James Kimball, Esq. He returned to California in 1877 and established an office in Oakland. In 1889 he retired. He lived one year in Europe and spent several winters in Washington, D. C.

Elected to State Senate in 1881.

Served as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Republican County Central Committee of Alameda County in the Garfield campaign when the county gave a majority of two thousand for the Republican electoral ticket.

He was a Mason and for a time Grand Commander.

Clubs, Bohemian, of San Francisco, and Athenian

of Oakland.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitney were Episcopalians, he, a member of Grace Church, San Francisco. Mr. Whitney was a vestryman at churches at Salt Lake City and Oakland.

He died at Washington, D. C. April 25, 1893 and left a comfortable fortune to his widow.

San Francisco Chronicle - Apr. 26, 1893.

News was received in Oakland last night of the death of ex-State Senator, George E. Whitney in Washington, D. C. A couple of weeks ago he went to that city to visit his daughter and son-in-law, Lieut. Cunningham. He was taken seriously ill a few days since and yesterday his wife received a telegram in this city requesting her to join her husband at once. She left Oakland on the Overland Train last night and has not yet heard of her husband's death. Senator Whitney tried for the Republican nomination for Congressman last fall but was beaten by Mr. Hilborn. He was a brother of Major Fred E. Whitney of Oakland.

May 1, 1893.

The remains of the late ex-Senator George E.

Whitney will arrive at his old home in this city next Thursday morning. The funeral will take place in the afternoon of the same day and his body will be interred in Mountain View Cemetery. Senator Whitney died in Washington from congestion of the liver. He was sick just twenty-four hours.

May 2, 1893

Deaths

Whitney, George E., a native of Maine in Washington, D. C. on April 25. Funeral Thursday at 2 o'clock from his late residence 576 Eighth St., Oakland.

May 4, 1893

Remains of ex-Senator George E. Whitney will arrive in Oakland from Washington this morning. The funeral will take place this afternoon from the family residence, 576 - 8th St. Bishop Nichols of the Episcopal Church will conduct the services. Pallbearers are George C. Perkins, St. Gage, Prof. Warren Wilkinson, Prof. Frank Soule, Judge W. E. Greene, A. D. Grimwood, H. C. Campbell and J. G. Edwards.

After Mr. Whitney's death, Mrs. Whitney resided at 925 Adeline St., Oakland. There she occupied a prominent position in matters of Church and charities. She was a cultured woman and held a high

place in the social life of Oakland and San Francisco.

Mrs. Whitney was a member of the Maryland Society of Colonial Dames of America through her ancestor Gerrett van Sweringen from whom she was seventh in descent. Her papers, No. 311, filed at the Peabody Library, Baltimore, Maryland are dated Oct. 3, 1895. She was elected May 21, 1896.

Mary Lewis Sweringen Whitney (Mrs. George E.), 576 8th Street, Oakland, Alameda County, California. Born in Louisville, Kentucky, January 16, 1841, the daughter of Richard Small and Isabella Virginia (Cowan) Swearingen and granddaughter of Abijah and Susan (Small) Swearingen, etc.

Register of Maryland Society of Colonial Dames of America, 1899, p. 78. Mrs. George E. Whitney, 7th in descent from Gerrett van Sweringen.

San Francisco Chronicle, Oct. 15, 1927.

Whitney - in Oakland October 13, 1927, Mary Swearingen, wife of the late George E. Whitney. Mother of Mrs. Seymour Cunningham, Mrs. Charles K. Allen, Isabelle Violet, Charlotte Anita Whitney and the late Mary Whitney Henry and grandmother of Gerret van S. and Whitney Henry. A native of Louisville,

Kentucky. Funeral October 15, 1927, at 3:30 at the Chapel of Oakland Crematory.

Children of George Edwin and Mary Lewis (Swearingen) Whitney:

- a.1. Isabel Violet, born, May 6, 1866.
- b.1. Charlotte Anita, born July 7, 1867.
Identified with Associated Charities of Oakland.
- c.1. Stephanie, born Oct. 22, 1869. Married at St. Paul's Church, Oakland, June 6, 1892, Seymour Cunningham of Litchfield, Conn.
- d.1. George Swearingen, born April 23, 1872.
He was with the Oakland Gas Company.
- e.1. Mary, born March 19, 1875; married Walter Hughes Henry of Oakland.
- f.1. Ethel, born April 19, 1878. Married Charles Kissam Allen.
- g.1. Cecil Roberta, born April 20, 1885; died May 13, 1887.

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San Francisco Chronicle, Oct. 13, 1927, Mary Swearingen Whitney obituary.

The Sun, Baltimore, Sunday morning, March 6, 1904.

Van Sweringen. Interesting Sketch of the Noted van Sweringen Family. H. D. Richardson. At the end of the account a list of descendants includes Mrs. George E. Whitney.

EIGHTH GENERATION

c.1. Stephanie the third daughter of George Edwin and Mary Lewis (Swearingen) Whitney was born October 22, 1869. Miss Whitney married on June 6, 1892, Seymour Cunningham at St. Paul's Church, Oakland, California. Mr. Cunningham was born at Troy, N. Y., September 13, 1863.

Issue:

1. Cecil, born Mar. 8, 1893
2. Macklin, born Feb. 21, 1894.
3. Jane Chester, born Feb. 27, 1896.
4. Pamela, born May 5, 1906. Married Lammot duPont Copeland.

Reference,

The Descendants of John Whitney, etc., by F. C. Pierce, 1895, page 412. Contains the birth and marriage dates of Stephanie Whitney and birth dates of her first two children.

Family Register of Gerret van Sweringen and Descendants, 1914, Page 26.

ISAAC - WALKER

Joseph Isaac - Margaret

d. 1688

Rebecca Isaac - Charles Walker

b. 1668

d. 1730

Elizabeth Walker c.1714 - Van Swearingen

b. December 23, 1695 b. 1691

d. 1787

Charles Swearingen c.1759 - Susanna Stull

b. 1734/35 b. c.1743

d. 1818 d. July, 1820

Abijah Swearingen c.1800 - Susan Small

b. April, 1769

d. 1824

February 8, 1835
Richard Small Swearingen - Isabella Virginia Cowan
b. March 17, 1809 b. October 6, 1809
d. November 15, 1847 d. 1880

June 1, 1865
Mary Lewis Swearingen - George Edwin Whitney
b. January 16, 1841 b. September 19, 1836
d. October 13, 1927 d. April 25, 1893

June 6, 1892
Stephanie Whitney - Seymour Cunningham
b. October 22, 1869 b. September 13, 1863

Pamela Cunningham - Lamot duPont Copeland

ISAAC - WALKER

Joseph Isaac and his brother, according to tradition, were English officers sent by their government to America in charge of certain political prisoners, among whom was the founder of the Bowie family. The tradition was alluded to by the author of *The Bowie Family and Their Kin*.

Edward Isaac, whose will was executed December 3, 1693, named his wife, Jane, son, Sutton, and a brother, presumably Joseph. (Wills, Annapolis, Vol. II, p. 322.)

Joseph lived in that part of Charles County from which Prince George's was established in 1695.

"The Giant's Range" in Patuxent Hundred was surveyed for him February 24, 1681, on the West side of the Patuxent River in the freshets in the easternmost fork of the river. It contained one hundred acres at four shillings rent yearly. (Rent Rolls, Prince George's County, Md., 1696 - 1723, page 107. Maryland Historical Society.)

Mr. Isaac died in Charles County in 1688/9. His will executed, December 29, 1688, named a son, Richard, then under age, to whom he willed one hund-

red acres, a son, Joseph, daughters, Elizabeth and Rebecca, a son-in-law, (perhaps step-son) Joseph Brown. To his wife, Margaret, whom he named executrix, he left dower rights.

Residue of estate to aforesaid children equally.

Witnesses, Thomas Beall, Diana Ferrixe, William Dacres.

Probated, February 23, 1688/9. (Wills, Annapolis, Md., Vol. VI, p. 53.)

Issue of Joseph and Margaret Isaac:

- A. Elizabeth, born circa 1676.
- B. Richard, born about 1677, died June 1759.
Vestryman of Queen Anne Parish; Justice of the County Courts, 1753. Married Sarah Pottenger.
- C. Rebecca, born about 1678/79, married Charles Walker, Sr. of "Bacon Hall", Prince George's County. Died 1730.
Left issue of whom later.
- D. Joseph, born 1681, died 1703, probably unmarried.

SECOND GENERATION

C. Rebecca, a daughter of Joseph and Margaret Isaac, was born in Charles County about 1679. She married at a youthful age Charles Walker.

Mr. Walker was born in 1675. His deposition, May 20, 1725, concerning a boundary dispute in Prince George's County, stated he was about fifty years old. (Deed, Prince George's County, Vol. I, p. 676.)

"Bacon Hall" surveyed for him, August 12, 1710, lay on the N. W. side of the N. E. branch of the East branch of the Potomac River, three hundred and eight acres. (Patented August 10, 1713, for three hundred and eighty acres. Vol. RY-1, p. 27, Patents, Land Office, Annapolis.)

"Bacon Hall Addition", surveyed April 4, 1718, for thirty-five acres.

"Joseph's Good Will", surveyed for him January 18, 1720, for one hundred and fifty acres. (Rent Rolls, Prince Georges County at The Maryland Historical Society. Pages 160, 188, 201.)

Mr. Walker patented, "Cutshort", twenty-one

acres, in 1726; "Second Addition to Bacon Hall", fifty acres, in 1727; "The Misteak", fifty acres, in 1727. (Land Office, Annapolis, Patents, Vols. FF-7, folio 285; PL-6, folio 497, 565, 567.)

He contributed one hundred pounds of tobacco to his parish church, St. Barnabas, June 19, 1710. (Queen Anne Parish Registry, St. Barnabas Church, Maryland Historical Society, page 38.)

The birth dates of his eleven children were recorded with other Walker family records in the Queen Anne Parish Register.

Mr. Walker, Sr. executed his will May 28, 1730, in which he described himself a planter. He was sick and weak in body but sound and perfect in mind and memory for which he thanked God.

His dear and loving wife, Rebecca, received for life that plantation whereon he dwelt on a tract of land called "Bacon Hall" and all that part of the tract on the south side of a marked line, marked by the testator and his brother-in-law, Richard Isaac.

The will named his eldest son, Charles, who

inherited part of "Bacon Hall". Sons, Charles and Joseph, a tract of land named "Cutshort" on Collington Branch. Son, Joseph, part of "Bacon Hall". His personal estate to his wife for life, after which equally divided among his seven daughters, namely, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Mary, Ruth, Ann, Crecy and Rachel. His dear and loving wife was named sole executrix. If she died, his sons, Charles and Joseph, executors. Witnessed by Joseph Peach, Matthew Robson, Elizabeth Parsons.

Proved, October 30, 1730. (Wills, Annapolis, Md., Vol. CC-3, p. 87.)

Rebecca Walker, executrix of the will of Charles Walker, Sr., dec. late of Prince George's County, gave bond for 600 pounds sterling, October 30, 1730. Sureties, Charles Walker and Van Swearingen of Prince George's County. (Testamentary Proceedings, Annapolis, Md., Vol. 29, 1730-34, page 33.)

Issue of Charles and Rebecca (Isaac) Walker:

1. Elizabeth, born December 22, 1695.
Married about 1713 Van Swearingen. Of whom later.
2. Charles, born May 9, 1698.
3. Rebecca, born April 11, 1700. Married

Jan. 24, 1720/1, Benjamin Brushier, Jr.

Ceremony performed by the Rev. Jacob

Henderson of St. Barnabas Church.

4. Mary, born 1702.
5. Ruth, born April 11, 1704. Married
August 13, 1723, John Brashears.
6. Isaac, born March 5, 1705.
7. Ann, born April 10, 1708.
8. Richard, born March 4, 1709/10.
9. Crecy, born October 26, 1713.
10. Joseph, born December 24, 1715.
11. Rachel, born February 6, 1717.

(Records of St. Barnabas Church, Prince George's
County, Maryland. Maryland Historical Society,
pages 254, 283, 284, 295, 303.)

THIRD GENERATION

1. Elizabeth Walker was born December 22, 1695. Her birth was recorded in the register for Queen Anne Parish with the births of her brothers and sisters. She married about 1713, Van Swearingen and had issue. See Swearingen line.

IV. Charles Swearingen - Susanna Stull

V. Abijah Swearingen - Susan Small

VI. Richard Small Swearingen - Isabella
Virginia Cowan

VII. Mary Lewis Swearingen - George Edwin
Whitney

VIII. Stephanie Whitney - Seymour Cunningham

IX. Pamela Cunningham - Lamont duPont Cope-
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STULL

John Stull

- Martha

d. 1749

Married,

2. Capt. John White

3. Mr. Terrence

Susanna Stull

c.1759

- Charles Swearingen

b. c. 1743

b. 1734/35

d. July, 1820

d. 1818

Abijah Swearingen

c.1800

- Susan Small

b. April, 1769

d. 1824

Feb. 8, 1835

Richard Small Swearingen - Isabella Virginia Cowan

b. March 17, 1809

b. Oct. 6, 1809

d. Nov. 15, 1847

d. 1880

June 1, 1865

Mary Lewis Swearingen - George Edwin Whitney

b. Jan. 16, 1841

b. Sept. 19, 1836

d. Oct. 13, 1927

d. April 25, 1893

Stephanie Whitney June 6, 1892
- Seymour Cunningham
b. October 22, 1869 b. September 13, 1863

Pamela Cunningham - Lamont duPont Copeland

STULL.

John Stull, said to have been of German origin, first patented land in Prince George's County, Maryland in 1739. He named his grant "The Whiskey" or "Whiskey" and it contained fifty acres. To that he added by patent until the estate grew to sizable proportions. (Land Office, Annapolis, Patents Vol. EI-6 pp. 222, 701, 703; BT and BY - 3 p. 372).

Situated on the West side of Antietam Creek, it contained five hundred and eighty acres, when surveyed October 27, 1744. (Washington County Land Patents, Vol. I pp. 24, 334, 348. Frederick County Rent Rolls 32 No. 1, pp. 57, 159, Annapolis, Md.)

Mr. Stull purchased two tracts, in 1748 from John Whiteside, one on May 13, "Pleasant Site", contained ninety acres, was on Beaver Creek, cost, 118 pounds, 10 shillings; June 18, "The Sloe Spring", on Beaver Creek, a draft of Antietam Creek, 150 acres, cost 119 pounds. (Deeds, Prince George's County Maryland, Vol. B B, pp. 567, 568.)

At the November Court, 1739, for Prince

George's County, John Stull was named Overseer of Highways for that section from his plantation to the top of the "Shannandon" Mountain. (Court Records, Prince George's County, Vol. 12, p. 505).

He built a mill on Antietam Creek close by the site of Hagerstown and carried on a thriving business. Brief mention of John Stull's mill was made in "The Antietam and Its Bridges", H. A. Hayes, page 15, and "A Hearthstone History of Washington Co. Arts and Letters Club, at Hagerstown Public Library, page 110.

John Stull, miller, sold "Sprigg Delight" in Prince George's County, August 15, 1741. It contained seventy-five acres, price forty pounds. Mrs. Martha Stull relinquished her dower rights. (Deeds, Prince George's Co., Vol. Y, p. 455).

At his death in the year 1749 he left a sizable fortune to his widow and children.

His will executed April 17, 1749, "of Frederick County, miller," that he was perfect in mind and memory. To his beloved wife Martha he left one-half of all his property, stock,

household goods, dwelling plantation "Whiskey", mills and stills thereon, slaves, for her life, and all children of negroes Nan and Hester entirely.

At her death her half of slaves and plantation to his son Daniel Stull. Daniel received the whole of "Whiskey" at Martha's decease, one-half the stock thereon, money due testator at decease, negroes Peter and Nan. He was to educate testator's sons Jacob and Isaac and pay the sum of 400 pounds to the estate. Son John, when twenty-one, tracts "Slow Spring" and "Pleasant Site", both lying together on the waters of Antietam on a branch thereof, Beaver Creek, with mill and a negro. John to pay son Isaac 100 pounds when Isaac became twenty-one. Son Jacob, when twenty-one, negro girl Hester and 100 pounds. Son Isaac 50 pounds at twenty-one. Daughter Mary Greathouse, one shilling. Daughter Elizabeth Johnson, one shilling. Daughter Catherine Swearingen, fifty pounds, thirty days after his burial. Daughter Margaret Stull, a negro girl, Jean and 50 pounds when sixteen. Daughter Susanna Stull, one negro girl, Jenny and fifty pounds when sixteen. To Rachel Greathouse, daughter of Mary, 50 pounds when

sixteen. To Martha Johnson, daughter of Elizabeth, 50 pounds when sixteen. Son Daniel Stull, executor. Witnessed by James Smith, Joseph Smith, Thomas Hog. Proved, September 8, 1749. (Wills, Frederick County Maryland, Vol. A-1 p. 23; Wills, Annapolis Md., Vol. 27, p. 72.)

Mrs. Stull married, shortly after the death of her husband, Capt. John White of Frederick County. After Captain White's death she married Mr. Terrence and lived in Cumberland County Pennsylvania. She named John Stull and Peter Bainbridge her attorneys to transfer certain lands of her late husband, Capt. White, Nov., 1772. (Deeds, Frederick Co. Md., Vol. P, p. 410.)

Issue of John and Martha Stull:

A. Daniel, died October, November, 1749.

No issue. He willed to his brother Jacob one-half of all stock including that willed testator by his father, one-half plantation "Whiskey" left by testator's father, slaves, mills, etc. The half on N. W. side of Antietam Creek whereon was the brick house. To brother Isaac, other

half of stock, slaves, and plantation
"Whiskey", etc. In case both die tes-
tator's mother Martha Stull, sole heir.
Mother Martha Stull, executrix.

Witnesses, John Perin, Jonathan Hagar,
James Smith.

Proved, November 22, 1749. (Wills, Wash-
ington Co. Md. Vol. A, p. 175. Inventor-
ies, same, Vol. A-1, 1749-62. John White
and Martha, his wife, executrix of Daniel
Stull, Feb. 7, 1749/50, took oath to cor-
rectness of his inventory.)

B. John chose Jonathan Hagar guardian, March Court, 1749/50. (Judgments, Frederick Co. Md. Vol. 1748-50, p. 389, at Annapolis.) He was an important figure in Revolutionary times in Frederick and Washington Counties. Chosen Moderator for Frederick County, July 2, 1774. Colonel of Militia. Member of Maryland House of Delegates at Provincial Convention, 1776; Judge of the county courts, commissioned, June, 1778. (Md. Archives, Vol. XXI, p. 141.) He organized first Episcopal Church in Hagarstown, vestryman of parish many years. A man with great force of character, loved, feared and highly esteemed. The county histories contain interesting anecdotes about him.

Col. Stull married twice. He died in April, 1791 and left a large family. Willed his estate "Whiskey" with mills, mansion house, etc. to his sons, Johannes Isaac and Otho Holland Williams Stull. His friends, Otho H. and Eli Williams, executors. Otho H. Williams was a well known Revolutionary General. (Wills, Washington Co. Md., Vol. A, p. 249. History of Frederick Co. Md., Williams and McKinsey, pp. 8, 600. History of Washington Co. Md. Vol. I, T. J. C. Williams, pp. 74, 75, 76, 80, 81.)

C. Jacob executed a deed of sale to his brother John for one-half of "Whiskey", on Antietam Creek, April 2, 1766, consideration 200 pounds. Shortly after he left the Province and was never heard from. Supposedly killed by the Indians. (Deeds, Frederick Co. Md., Vol. K, p. 458.)

D. Isaac, inherited half of the estate "Whiskey" from his brother Daniel. Transferred his share to his brother John. Died of smallpox in Nov. 1769. (Wills, Washington Co. Md., Vol. A, p. 261.)

E. Mary, married Mr. Greathouse.

F. Elizabeth, married Mr. Johnson.

G. Catherine, married John Swearingen.

H. Margaret, married Van Swearingen, Jr.

I. Susanna, was under sixteen when her father died. She married Charles Swearingen. Died, July 1820. Of whom later.

SECOND GENERATION.

I. Susanna the younger daughter of John and Martha Stull was born about 1743. From her father in 1749 she inherited a negress, Jenny, and fifty pounds sterling, to be paid when she was sixteen. Miss Stull married Charles Swearingen in 1759 by whom she had a large family. Mrs. Swearingen survived her husband, and died in July, 1820. (Will, Washington County Maryland, Vol. C, p. 115.) See Swearingen family.

III. Abijah Swearingen - Susan Small

IV. Richard Small Swearingen - Isabella Virginia Cowan

V. Mary Lewis Swearingen - George Edwin Whitney

VI. Stephanie Whitney - Seymour Cunningham

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The children of Sarah Bannister Henderson & William Cowan
who were married Dec 8th 1803, were

Mary Henderson born 7th Nov 1804

Sarah Henderson " 6th June 1806

Isabella Virginia Henderson " 6th Oct 1809

Jane Eliza Henderson 15th Dec 1811

Pamela Henderson 7 June 1814

Charlotte Henderson 13. ~~April~~ 1817.

William Henderson 16 Feb. 1819

married 22nd Dec. 1824 to William Means Maynell

July 1843 to Stephen M. Tibbets

8 Feb 1835⁵ to Richard Small Sweeting

20th July 1835 to Charles Geo. Lewis

12th April 1838 to William Gough

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Isabella Virginia and Richard Small Swearingen
were married in Natchitoches La. 8th February 1838

Their eldest daughter

Mrs Virginia Swearingen married Stephen J. Field
2nd June 1859.

Isabella Virginia Swearingen married Andrew B. McCreary
3rd January 1865

Mary Lewis Swearingen married George Edwin Whitney
1st June 1865

Family record of Isabella M. Swearingen
nee Cowan.

My Father Wm Cowan was born 10th Nov 1779.
in Shippensburg Pennsylvania.

My Mother Sally Banister Henderson 9th January 1781
^{born Louisville, Ky}

My Husband Richard S. Swearingen 17th March 1809.

I. Isabella M. Swearingen nee Cowan 8th October 1809.
^{our children}

Sue Virginia Swearingen 1st September 1836
^{daughter}

An infant, who died in a few days 1838.

Sallie Henderson Swearingen 28th May 1839.

Mary Lewis Swearingen ^{Louisville Ky} 16th January 1841.

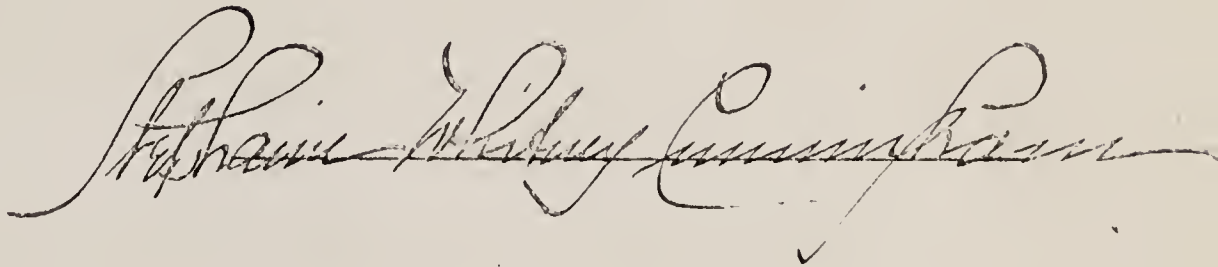
Isabella Virginia Swearingen 26th November 1842.

William Cowan Swearingen 29th December 1844.

Richard Ringgold Swearingen 28th November 1846.

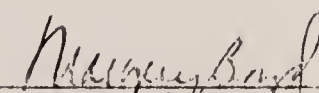
I hereby certify that the attached papers are photostatic copies of a family record written by my grandmother, Isabella Virginia Cowan, married to Richard Samll Swearingen of Louisville, Kentucky.

June 9, 1941



State of Connecticut (ss Litchfield, June 9, 1941
County of Litchfield (

On this ninth day of June, 1941, peronally appeared before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Connecticut, Stephanie Whitney Cunningham, signer and sealer of the foregoing instrument and made oath that the same was true according to the best of her knowledge and belief.



Notary Public
My Commission expires 2/1/1944.

